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SESSION

REF: (A) MTN GENEVA 7309, (B) USUN 4523

1. MTN DEL'S APPRAISAL OF QUESTIONS RAISED FOR MTN BY
SEVENTH SPECIALHSESSION RESOLUTION IS BASICALLY ACCURATE.
SECRETARY'S SPEECH DELIVERED AT SESSION SHOULD CONTINUE
TOHSERVE AS PRINCIPAL GUIDANCE ON U.S. STANCE. THE
SECRETARY'S SPEECH UNDER THE SECTION TITLED TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. IS CONVINCED THAT
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD AIM TO MAKE THE
INTERNATIONAL TRADPNG SYSTEM BETTER SERVE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE
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SYSTEM THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN IT, HELP

TO MAKE ITS RULES, AND ASSUME PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING A STABLE SYSTEM, AS WELL AS SHARING IN ITS BENEFITS. IN THIS REGARD THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE EARLIER STAGES OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT, BUT AS THEY PROGRESS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT, THEY MUST GRADUALLY ACCEPT THE SAME OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPROCITY AND STABLE ARRANGEMENTS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE

KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE REFTEL.

2. RE PARA 3: WE AGREE WITH ALL POINTS. THE SPECIAL SESSION WORK PAPER WAS, AS YOU SUGGESTED, A DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES. HOWEVER, AS IS WELL STATED IN REFTEL (B), FURTHER DISCUSSION SHOULD FOCUS ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND RESOLUTION 3362 OF THE UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMBASSADOR MYERSON'S COMMENTS AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH COLLECTIVELY PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE U.S. POSITION. WITH REGARD TO POINT (E), YOU MAY STRESS THE U.S. DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD IN ELABORATING AND EXAMINING WAYS OF PROVIDING DIFFERENTIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO NON-TARIFF MEASURES.

3. RE PARA 4: WE AGREE WITH ALL POINTS. YOU MAY NOTE AS APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY THAT THE U.S. FOCUS IS ON FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE FEASIBLE. WHEN WE HAVE DETERMINED APPROPRIATE WAYS, THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS PRIORITY IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO HAVE A BETTER CONCEPT OF THE BENEFITS THEY MIGHT EXPECT FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE DISCUSSING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY REGARD THEMSELVES AS ABLE TO MAKE.

4. RE PARA 5: WE AGREE WITH YOUR POINTS. REFTEL (B) PROVIDES DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW PARA IN RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPED AS IT DID AND US STANCE AS TO THE MEANING OF THE PARA IN RELATION TO THE U.S. GSP. HOWEVER YOU SHOULD AVOID STRESSING THE 10 YEAR DURATION OF GSP UNDER THE U.S. TRADE ACT, SINCE AUTHORITY NOW EXISTS FOR ONLY 9 YEARS, I.E. THROUGH 1984. YOU MAY NOTE THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONSIDER THE NECESSITY OF EXTENDING ITS GSP IN THE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION EXISTING IN THE EARLY 1980'S.

5. RE PARA 6: WE AGREE WITH YOUR POINTS, EXCEPT AS NOTED ABOVE THAT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH DOES DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY, IF ONLY IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT. WITH REGARD TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS WE ENVISION THE POSSIBILITY, AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED, OF BEGINNING IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S- TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON THOSE PRODUCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STAG-ING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRADE ACT WPTHOUT WAITING FOR COMPLETION OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MTN. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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